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## COOPER PARDONED

Slayer of Senator Carmack  
Saved by Governor.

### BIG SENSATION IN TENNESSEE.

Supreme Court Had Affirmed Col. Duncan B. Cooper's Sentence of Twenty Years—Young Robin Cooper Given New Trial.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—A sensation, equaling that which inflamed Tennessee in November 1908 when former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack was shot and killed on Nashville's streets, was the pardoning by Governor M. R. Patterson Wednesday of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, who, with his son, Robin J. Cooper, was convicted of the murder of Carmack.

The issuance of the pardon on the Governor's own initiative, without a formal petition before him, followed quickly the reading of the opinion of the Tennessee Supreme Court affirming the verdict of guilty in the case of 20 years in the penitentiary, and reversing the lower court in the case of Robin Cooper.

Governor Patterson wrote the full pardon for Colonel Cooper and filed it with the Secretary of State while Chief Justice Beard was yet reading a dissenting opinion in the case of Colonel Cooper. In a statement given to the press the Governor said:

"In my opinion neither of the defendants is guilty and they have not had a fair and impartial trial, but were convicted contrary to the law and the evidence."

### Desperate Boycott Against Meat.

New York, Special.—The boycott against high prices is spreading more rapidly than any similar movement remembered in New York City. All meats have advanced one cent a pound wholesale. Already 95 per cent of the kosher butcher shops in the city, supplying a population of 75,000 have been either forcibly closed or have shut up in sympathy with the movement. In turn the butchers, who say they cannot sell lower and live, descended 200 strong on the United Dressed Beef Company Tuesday in such threatening mood that the company telephoned for police protection and the crowd was dispersed.

### Virginian Gets a Job Anyhow.

Washington, Special.—William P. Kent, of Virginia, who resigned his post as consul general to Guatemala to enter the race for Governor of Virginia on the Republican ticket last fall, will again enter the consular services. President Taft has sent to the Senate the nomination of Mr. Kent to be consul at St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

### Rights of Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—The supreme court has decided valid the act of the legislature prohibiting foreign corporations from removing suits from state to federal courts. The statute provided that the penalties for violation were, first a forfeiture of the right to do business in the state, and second, forfeiture of the right of eminent domain.

### Sitting Steady in the Boat.

Washington, Special.—Speaker Cannon Tuesday again defied the "insurgents" to depose him from the speakership, declaring in a speech on the floor of the house that "unless the Republicans, who do not approve of the personality of their speaker, have the courage to join the small minority I remain speaker until March 4th, next."

### Doctor and Governor Disagree.

Trenton, N. J., Special.—A hearing given by Governor Fort on Assemblyman Ramsey's bill to place only one osteopath on the State board of medical examiners ended rather sensationally at the State House Tuesday when the Governor accused Dr. Nathan M. Halsey of Williamstown, N. J., chairman of the legislative committee of the State medical society, of having misrepresented him.

### Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage.

New York, Special.—Under the spiritual guidance of the Right Rev. Bishop Van de Vyver, of Richmond, about 500 members of the Order of Knights of Columbus, from all parts of the United States, will leave New York July 19 for pilgrimage to Rome and a general tour of Europe.

### Two Battleships for \$12,000,000.

Washington, Special.—By a decisive vote of 162 to 114, fourteen being absent and not voting, the House has authorized the construction of two battleships to cost \$6,000,000 each.

## THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved  
From the Whole Country.

By a unanimous vote the New York Board of Estimate voted \$60,000,000 for new subways and \$5,539,472 for public schools.

T. White, the western counterfeiter, who escaped from the federal prison, at Atlanta, May 29, 1906, was captured near Houston, Tex.

Conscience-stricken after 23 years because he cheated Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, out of 18 bushels of corn, worth \$9, an Osage county farmer is preparing to make cash restitution.

Aided by two women, who are thought to have smuggled saws with which to cut the bars of a window and provided an automobile for their flight, two military prisoners escaped from the guard house at Fort Logan, Col.

The French submarine boat Ventoz established a record by navigating at a depth of 113 feet for 24 minutes.

Heedless of the man hunt for the bandits who killed the cashier and manager of the Victor Bank in Schenerville, Pa., robbers made a raid on the Thomas Supply Co. store, almost opposite the bank, at the notorious "bloody angle."

John Red Walters, who has a criminal record, paid the penalty for wife beating at Hagerstown, Md., by receiving 15 lashes, vigorously applied by the sheriff.

With assets of 70 cents, Brunslaw Niemaszek, 12 years old, of Newark, had legislative influence to procure the passage of two bills through the New Jersey legislature, amending the procedure in the execution of judgments against debtors under the age of 16 so as to avoid their imprisonment.

President Taft received from the members of Hiram Lodge, No. 107, Free, Ancient and Accepted Masons, of Baltimore, a handsome Masonic apron. The occasion was the fraternal visit of 300 Baltimore Masons to the lodges of Naval Lodge, No. 4, of Washington.

Letter carriers of New York have begun an active campaign in the interest of their movement for a day of rest each week, a reduction of Sunday work to a minimum and compensatory time off during the week for those who must work on Sunday.

Seventy-two million eggs are said to have been taken off the open market recently, and Chicago dealers say one of the effects of this will be to keep up the retail price.

The first of the trials of persons arrested in Philadelphia at the instance of the State Board of Pharmacy for the illegal sale of cocaine ended when George and Charles Rollins, colored, changed their pleadings to guilty and were sent to prison for two years. A fine of \$500 was also imposed on each.

The Ohio senate passed the Dittmars house bill, forbidding the sale of tobacco in any form to minors under 18 years of age. The bill as it passed the house fixed the age limit at 21.

The body of Mrs. Louisa A. Jarrell, who died in a Huntington, W. Va., hospital of septic fever, was carried from the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway station at Colcord, a distance of six miles on foot over the mountains, to the cemetery.

That the province of Quebec will, in the near future, prohibit the exportation of pulp wood, cut on the crown lands of the province, to the United States, was announced in the legislature.

Mrs. Frank Norford, of Maryland, has an Easter egg 45 years old. The egg was attractively dyed and etched in 1865.

Certain fat men of New Orleans are wearing a complacent smile and affecting a self-satisfied strut. They are members of the Two-Hundred Pound Club, organized with a considerable membership and "ample prospects."

Lexington, N. C., has passed an ordinance requiring all trains running within the corporate limits of the town to reduce their speed to 6 miles an hour.

The liquor question figured in numerous municipal elections in California. By substantial majorities, 9 towns voted dry and by majorities equally substantial 6 other towns endorsed saloons.

Robert S. Sharp, collector of internal revenue at Nashville, Tenn., has been appointed chief postoffice inspector.

The University of Denver, Col., a Methodist institution, conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Father William O'Ryan, a Catholic priest of Denver.

Six women co-respondents beat five mere men similarly classified in a divorce suit decided in New York.

## GOVERNOR SCORED

Patterson Denounced for Pardoning Col. Cooper

### SENSE OF DECENCY IS SHOCKED

Capt. G. T. Fitzhugh, Prosecuting Attorney, Who Made Famous Speech, Declares That the Law Has Been Trampled Under Foot.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Capt. G. T. Fitzhugh, assistant counsel for the prosecution in the Cooper case, whose speech at the famous trial attracted widespread attention, characterized the pardon of Col. Duncan B. Cooper as an outrage. He said:

"The disgraceful haste displayed by the Governor in pardoning Cooper before the ink was hardly dry on the Supreme Court opinion convicting him of murder, shocks every sense of decency."

"Sworn to execute the laws as construed by the highest Court, the Governor, without even a petition from any one, tramples law under foot and sets aside the Court's decision for the benefit of a cold-blooded murderer, whose influence with the Governor is, and has been, far more potent than the interest and safety of the people of this great Commonwealth."

### Street Car Strike Settled.

Philadelphia, Special.—The committee of fourteen, composed of representatives of the striking motormen and conductors from each of the branches of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company met Friday and voted in favor of accepting a settlement offered by the company through representatives of the American Federation of Labor. Since the beginning of the strike 28 persons have been killed by trolley cars. These accidents, the strikers claimed, were caused by inexperienced motormen.

### Women Hiss President Taft.

Washington, Special.—The President of the United States, the first Chief Executive of the nation ever to greet a convention of woman suffragists, braved the danger of facing an army of women who want the ballot, had the courage to confess his opinion, and was hissed. So great was the throng that sought admission to the hall that hundreds were turned away.

### Negro National Wholesale Drug Co.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Lee Chemical company was incorporated with an authorized capital of \$100,000. The company is the first attempt of negroes to promote a national wholesale and retail manufacturing drug company. In the prospectus sent out, the company is appealing to the negro to cease consuming everything without producing anything and learn to do something for themselves.

### Women Suffragettes by Thousands.

Washington, Special.—More than 5,000 suffragettes from every State and Territory in the country are at the national capital to attend the forty-third annual convention of the National American Women Suffrage Association. They have planned an assault on the Capitol. This will be one of the most unusual sights ever witnessed beneath the dome of that historic structure.

### Investigation May Be "Inadvisable."

Washington, Special.—The President has been requested to send to Congress any facts in his possession which might make inadvisable an investigation of the sugar trust frauds unless, in his judgment, such action might be incompatible with the interests of the public service.

### Evelyn Thaw Gone to Paris.

New York, Special.—Ambitious to gain fame as a sculptor, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has sailed for Paris to continue her art work abroad. She will rent a modest apartment in Paris and do her own cooking. She still receives a monthly allowance from the Thaw family but her friends say she is permanently estranged from Harry K. Thaw, her husband.

### Alabama Editor Cowhided.

Florence, Ala., Special.—Much excitement was occasioned on the streets here when Mayor Walker publicly horsewhipped H. E. Meeser, editor of the Florence Herald, for editorially attacking the mayor's veracity.

### Jury Convicts Strike Breaker.

Philadelphia, Special.—The first strike-breaker to be placed on trial on charges growing out of disturbances due to the street car strike in this city was convicted by a jury of assault and battery with attempt to kill.

## FOR RIFLE RANGES

Government Will Buy Land in The South

### INTERESTING TO MILITARY MEN

Sites Will be Purchased in North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia—Places For Encampments to Be Selected.

Washington, Special.—A bill introduced in the House by Congressman Byrnes, of Tennessee, authorizes the Secretary of War, whenever it may seem expedient for him to do so, to acquire lands in the States of Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, and other States, under the Department of the Gulf, which may be suitable for encampments, rifle ranges, etc. It is understood that this is a step in a general plan of action by the war department of establishing such ranges in the States mentioned.

### Mr. Burton, "Be Ashamed!"

Washington, Special.—Senator Burton, chairman of the National Waterways Commission, opposes pending bill, which would appropriate about \$52,000,000 for improvement of rivers and harbors. Severely arraigns piecemeal appropriations and condemns many of the projects named. His objections cover wide range and entire Senate may be involved in the discussion. Will attack specific items, among them the Norfolk-Beaufort waterway.

### Youngest Mother in the World.

Chicago, Special.—Officials of the Juvenile Court investigated the case of Annie Epps, 10 years old, who gave birth to a girl baby at the county hospital several days ago. "The young mother's age has been investigated and it has been found absolutely true that she is just 10 years old," a physician at the hospital said. "She is one of the youngest mothers known in this part of the world."

### Wages Increased \$9,000,000.

New York, Special.—Substantial increases in wages by the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation will soon be announced to become effective May 1, it was officially stated here Saturday. The proposed increase will apply to a large majority of the corporation's 225,000 employees and in round figures will increase the pay-rolls of the steel corporation by about \$9,000,000 annually.

### Earthquake's Destructive Force.

San Jose, Costa Rica, By Special Cable.—A series of earth shocks, varying in intensity, Friday swept over Costa Rica doing vast damage, the extent of which can only be estimated at more than \$1,000,000. So far there has been no report of loss of life, but people in the cities are panic-stricken and are abandoning their homes for the hillsides.

### Electrical Storm in Tennessee.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—All railroad traffic in and out of Memphis was suspended Friday. The severe rain and electrical storm which swept West Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi has caused washouts on all roads running into Memphis with the exception of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley to New Orleans.

### Tennessee Bank Hit Hard.

Spring City, Tenn., Special.—Robbers blew the vault of the First National Bank of this place and escaped with over \$10,000. Nitro glycerine was used.

### Police Chief and Recorder Fined.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Recorder Nash Broyles, of the Atlanta police court and Chief Johnson of the sanitary department, were fined \$10.75 by Mayor Maddox, as the result of the fist fight between the two in police court after the lie had been exchanged.

### Premier Asquith Causes Excitement.

London, By Cable.—Amid scenes of intense excitement hardly paralleled since the Gladstonian home rule debates, the House of Commons by majorities of 103 recorded its approval of Premier Asquith's resolution dealing with the veto power of the House of Lords.

### Requisition for the Millionaire.

Harrisburg, Pa., Special.—Governor Stewart has signed a requisition upon Governor Hughes of New York for the return to Pennsylvania of Frank K. Hoffstet, wanted in Pittsburgh on bribery charges.

## CONFEDERATE CHOIR TO SING "AMERICA."

Program For Annual Reunion Contains Many Interesting Features.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans, has approved the program of the general reunion of Confederate veterans to be held here April 26, 27 and 28, made public by Chairman W. K. P. Wilson of the committee on program and exercises.

The program deals exclusively with those events concerning the veterans' three days' stay in Mobile, that of the Sons of Confederate Veterans being separate. The convention of veterans will take place Tuesday morning, April 26, deliberations being in the auditorium at Monroe park. Major General George P. Harrison, commanding the Alabama division, assembling the convention.

Following invocation by Rev. Linn Cave, chaplain general of the Confederation, the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," by the United Confederate choirs of America and the reading of a poem of welcome written by H. G. Barclay, of Mobile, by Miss Vera Williams, the veterans will be welcomed by Governor Braxton Bragg Comer on behalf of the State. Mayor Pat J. Lyons is to extend the welcome of the municipality, and Clarence J. Owen, commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, will welcome the old warriors on behalf of that organization.

### Great Choir to Sing.

The program for the forenoon session also includes a song, "The Soldier's Dream," by Thomas H. Halliwell; recitation by Miss Minnie Rosse Richardson, of Alabama; an address surrendering the convention to General Clement A. Evans by General Chairman Jacob D. Bloch, followed by a response by General Evans.

At the afternoon session of the first day Hon. L. B. McFarland, of Memphis, will be the orator of the day. Throughout the sessions of the convention the United Confederate Choirs of America will render appropriate songs. Rabbi Alfred G. Moses, of the Jewish congregation, offers invocation upon the opening of the convention on the second day, followed by the report of the committee on credentials and of the committee on history. Mrs. Emma Labretta, of Mobile, will sing "The Last Rose of Summer." Then follows the report of the committee on Battle Abbey. In accordance with the custom that has prevailed for a number of years, the convention will suspend business at noon and take part in the exercises of the "Memorial Hour."

At the afternoon session reports of the committees on resolutions and on monument will be made and then officers are to be elected. Aside from the entertainment features of the reunion, this will bring the deliberations of the second day to a close. Thursday the parade of the veterans will be the one big feature. The route has been selected with the greatest care in order to make it just as light as possible upon the physical condition of the veterans.

### Sons of Veterans.

The annual convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held in German Relief hall. The program has also been completed and it is very lengthy. There are a number of addresses of welcome and responses. Mayor Lyons will welcome the Sons to the city and General Clarence J. Owens will respond on behalf of the organization.

While veterans and Sons of Veterans are deliberating members of the organization known as the Medical Officers of the Army and Navy of the Confederacy will be in session in another part of the city. This promises to be one of the interesting features of the reunion. President G. B. Thompson, of Memphis, is to preside. A local committee of the Mobile County Medical association has prepared an interesting business and entertainment program for the Confederate surgeons. This meeting promises to be one of peculiar interest and it may be of vital import, possibly involving the integrity and perpetuity of the organization.

By command of General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, General William E. Mickle, adjutant general and chief of staff, has issued a general order. The order concludes: "The number of our dead has been greatly augmented during the past year by the following distinguished leaders:

Major General Robert Lowry, brigadier general, C. S. A., and commander Mississippi division, U. C. V.; Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, daughter of our only president; Major General Zimmerman Davis, commander South Carolina district, U. C. V.; Major General Paul A. Fusz, ex-commander northwest division, U. C. V.; Brigadier E. G. Willett, assistant quartermaster general, U. C. V.; Colonel J. B. Cowan, M. D., assistant surgeon general, U. C. V.; Colonel B. F. Eshleman and Colonel R. E. Park, aids on staff commander-in-chief."

## VARDAMAN AGAIN

Will Have Another Chance at U. S. Senate

### PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD

Senator Percy's Suggestion That His Election Be Repudiated or Endorsed, Adopted by Legislature—Will be Held in November.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—After endorsing the suggestion of United States Senator Leroy Percy that a primary election be called in effect to serve as an endorsement or repudiation to the people of his election to Congress, the Mississippi Legislature adjourned sine die Saturday after probably the most sensational legislative session in the history of the State.

The resolution as to the primary adopted by the Legislature instructs the State Democratic executive committee to call the election to select a party senatorial nominee for the regular term which will begin in 1913 to be held during the month of November of this year. In this primary Mr. Percy and Mr. Vardaman will both be candidates. Should the result be unfavorable to Percy he agreed, in his address, to tender his resignation as United States Senator for the present term to the next session of the State Legislature, an appointment to be made by the Governor to hold until the nominee selected at the proposed primary is seated in 1913. Both Senator Percy and Mr. Vardaman have addressed to Chairman Lomax of the Democratic State executive committee agreeing to this plan.

### Both Virginias File Objections.

Washington, Special.—The State of West Virginia and Virginia Saturday filed in the Supreme Court of the United States exceptions to the report of Charles E. Littlefield, special master, to ascertain facts as a basis of arriving at the proportion of the debt of Virginia before the organization of West Virginia, that the latter State should pay to the former.

According to the report West Virginia may be called upon to pay between \$3,000,000 and \$9,000,000 to the mother State. The principal objection made is that West Virginia, objecting to the master including in the aggregate amount of ordinary expenses of Virginia from 1823 to 1860 the sum of \$18,000,000 as interest on the public debt.

### Football Victim Finally Passes.

Annapolis, Md., Special.—Earl Wilson, the Navy football player, died Saturday morning.

Wilson, who was from Covington, Ky., was injured October 16 last, in the game against Villa Nova College. It was while making a flying tackle that the back of his neck struck violently against the ground. An examination revealed a fracture between the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae, and the spinal cord was severely depressed, causing complete paralysis from the shoulders down. An operation was performed by which the pressure on the spinal cord was relieved, and physicians felt that this would bring about his recovery, but in vain.

### Other Lucky N. & W. Employees.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The trainmen and yardmen employed by the Norfolk & Western Railroad get an increase of 6 per cent in pay. The new wage schedule was arranged at conferences held between the management of the road and representatives of the employees.

### Eight Farmers are Guilty.

Cincinnati, Special.—Eight Grant county, Ky., farmers were found guilty of conspiracy in restraint of trade by a jury in the United States district court at Covington, Ky., Saturday. Of the twelve men indicted one was dismissed by order of Federal Judge Cochran and three others were acquitted in the verdict given by the jury. Fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 were imposed.

### Taft Endorses Southern Congress.

Washington, Special.—President Taft Saturday received the executive committee of the Southern Commercial Congress. A full statement of the purpose of this patriotic endeavor was made to him by John M. Parker of New Orleans and G. Grosvenor Dawe, managing director, of Washington.

President Taft expressed his unreserved interest in this co-operative endeavor to make the advantages of the South fully known.

The executive committee appointed Thomas L. Field, now of London, but formerly of North Carolina, agent general for the British Isles.